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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.55, the applicant(s) submit(s) herewith a certified copy of the following foreign application:

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It is respectfully requested that the applicant(s) be given the benefit of the foreign filing date as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119.

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